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The Power of Influence

We are all influenced by the actions and lives of others. Friends, peers, teachers, and coaches help mold us as we grow. People at work and neighbors can do or say something that changes us. Even casual or chance meetings can alter our lives. So the point is anyone can influence us if they have a moment to do so and if we let them.

Clearly, the more time I spend with someone and the way I think of a person affects his or her chance to influence me. And since most of us spend more time with family and we love them more, it makes sense they have the greatest influence on us. There may be moments when this is not true, but over a lifetime I believe most of us look to family for greatest support.

Like it or not you have an influence on people. Do you have a family, well then you have an effect on others. If you work with people or have neighbors, then someone is watching you. Are you reading this article after picking up the bulletin at services Sunday morning; then you had the chance to influence almost two hundred people. So the question is not if your actions and words will touch others, but how they will affect those who see and hear them. (Matt. 5:14-16)

I am not suggesting everything you do or say will deeply move people, but you never know who is watching at that moment or what will stir someone. It is even possible to be a good example most of the time, but in weakness do something that hurts others. *Continued on next page.....*

